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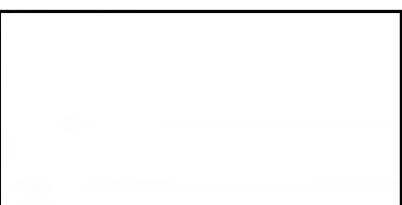
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Brazil: (The US Embassy in Rio de Janeiro describes the current attitude of the Goulart government toward the Brazilian left as contradictory and equivocal.)

(In reviewing the Brazilian political scene, the embassy noted that Goulart and his followers have recently made a number of concessions to the left in the labor field, including appointments of pro-Communists to influential posts in the labor movement.)

(On the other hand, Goulart has provoked leftist criticism by several anti-inflation moves in recent weeks. His government has also apparently caused the postponement of a Communist-sponsored Congress for Solidarity with Cuba, scheduled for this month.)

(The embassy indicates that recent statements by Goulart have been intentionally equivocal. On 21 February, for example, he told the US ambassador that he intends to follow a moderate domestic and foreign policy, but for political reasons must appear to be making concessions to the left. On 6 March, however, in an answer to Communist-influenced port workers, he indicated that he is against the "enemies of the people," but must at times make concessions to them for tactical reasons.)

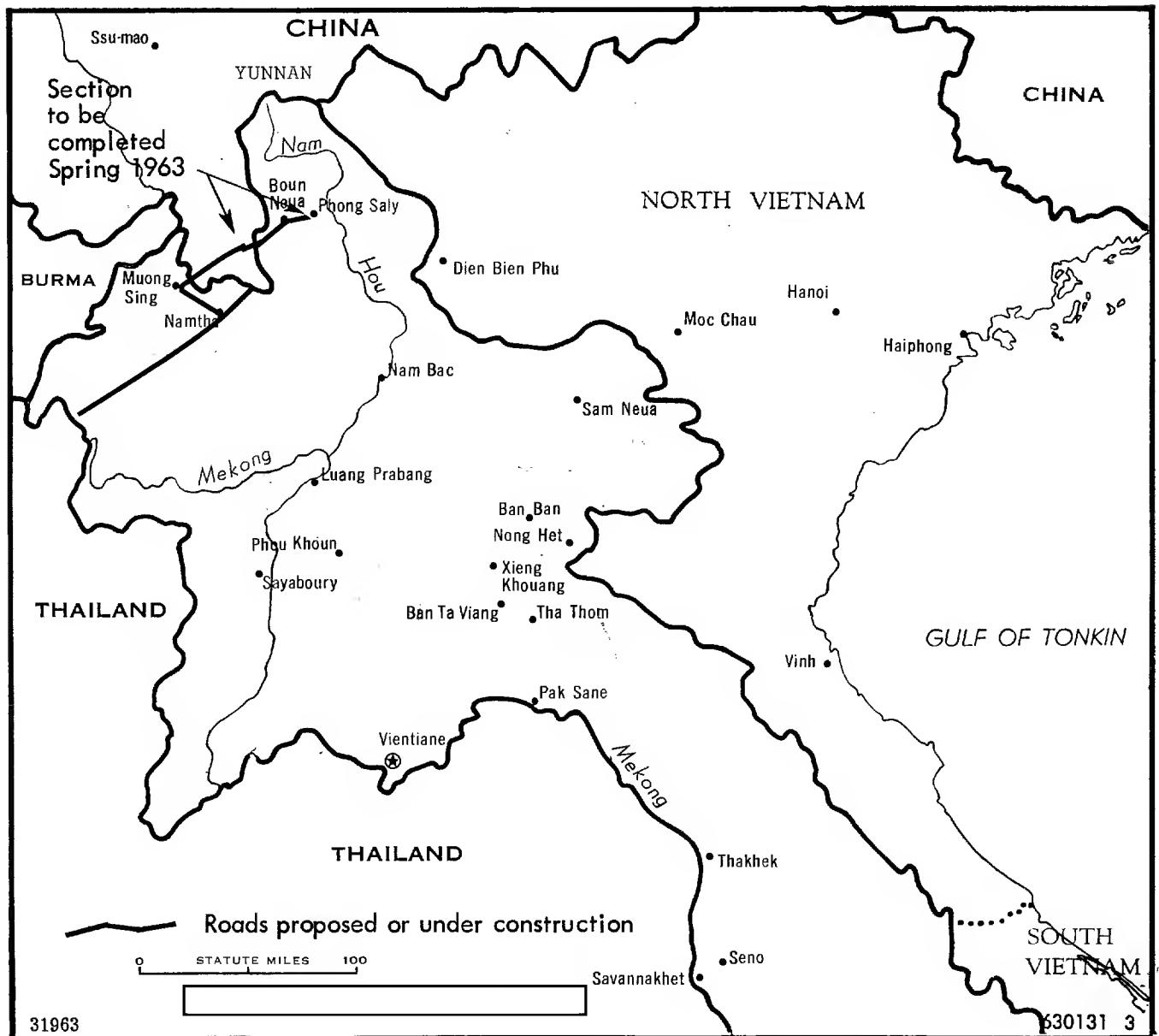
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Iraq: Deputy Prime Minister Sadi's call on 10 March for a joint military and political command for the "liberated" Arab states is an attempt to head off, by an expression of Arab solidarity, public pressures in Iraq and Syria for union of Syria, Egypt, and Iraq.

Sadi's mention of the "liberated" states by name --UAR, Iraq, Syria, Algeria, and Yemen--is an attempt to relegate the UAR to the position of an equal partner in the movement for Arab unity. Sadi's proposal has little military potential.

If such a joint command should develop, Nasir is likely to welcome it, at least publicly, in the hope of ultimately dominating this or any other institution created to promote unity of these "liberated" countries. He probably also will see it as a useful device for adding to the pressure on the Jordanian and Saudi governments. [redacted]

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Communist China - Laos: (Although Peiping has promised to withdraw its road-building teams from Laos following completion in April of a highway from the Chinese border into Phong Saly, scattered low-level reports indicate that Chinese may already be at work on a more extensive road project farther south which would require more time to complete.)

(The withdrawal was announced in a joint communiqué issued on 10 March at the conclusion of a visit to China by the Laotian King. The promise to pull out was probably prompted by recent publicity concerning Chinese Communist intervention in Laos.)

(The Laotians had requested Chinese help in constructing an extension of the Phong Saly road to the southwest. There has been no word about Peiping's response but several reports indicate that the Chinese have started work on some portions of this route which apparently runs to Ban Houei Sai via Muong Sing, Nam Tha and the Chinese Communist town of Mengla.)

(Map) [Redacted]

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